#### Arkansas

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#### General

Showers and Thunderstorms were scattered throughout the state last week. A front arrived the middle of last week bringing showers and cooler night-time temperatures. The week ended with warm, clear conditions. Rains limited the amount of field work performed last week. There were 3.0 days suitable for field work. Soil moisture supplies were 0% very short, 3% short, 60% adequate and 37% surplus.

## **Crops**

Corn emergence was complete last week. The crop remained in mostly good condition. Soybean planting slowed down due to recent rains with 40% of the crop planted. Sorghum planting was 68% complete with nearly half of the crop emerged. Cotton planting was 89% complete with emergence at 82%. Rice planting was nearing completion with crop emergence at 91%. Winter Wheat completed its heading stage with the crop in mostly good condition.

#### Livestock

Livestock were in good condition. Pastures and hay crops showed increased growth with the recent rains. Conditions on those crops were fair to mostly good. Farmers needing to harvest that first cutting of hay were waiting for better hay curing conditions.

## **Percent of Progress**

Crop	Stage	<b>Current Week</b>	<b>Previous Week</b>	2005	5 Year Avg	
Corn	Emerged	100	98	87	95	
Cotton	Planted	70	62	74	69	
	Emerged	48	n/a	33	43	
Rice	Planted	95	94	92	92	
	Emerged	91	85	65	77	
Sorghum	Planted	89	82	83	85	
	Emerged	82	70	62	72	
Soybeans	Planted	40	38	56	42	
	Emerged	35	29	34	28	
Wheat	Headed	100	99	97	98	

## **Condition in Percentages**

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Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	0	1	25	52	22
Rice	3	4	25	52	16
Wheat	0	5	19	51	25
<b>Hay-Other</b>	1	4	39	52	4
Hay-Alfalfa	0	0	71	29	0
Pasture & Range	1	7	38	46	8

1	Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending May14, 2006								
		Temperatures			Rainfall				
				Dep from	Wk Ending	May	May	Jan -	April
District	Station	High	Low	Normal	May 14	Accum	Normal	2006	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	79	44	-3	1.61	4.89	3.22	10.38	13.13
	Harrison	81	47	-3	0.95	7.67	3.20	22.11	13.66
N. Central	Calico Rock	80	39	-5	1.64	5.38	3.27	16.66	14.84
	Gilbert	81	40	-6	0.74	3.96	3.35	18.04	13.88
	Greers Ferry	80	46	-4	1.77	7.77	3.53	20.22	17.01
	Mountain Home	79	46	-5	1.41	3.95	3.17	16.42	14.40
Northeast	Batesville	81	44	-4	1.45	8.15	3.41	17.32	15.90
	Jonesboro	79	49	-5	1.52	3.54	3.54	17.13	16.35
	Keiser	81	50	-4	1.88	6.58	3.80	15.68	17.29
	Newport	80	51	-5	1.68	3.98	3.35	23.48	16.68
W. Central	Booneville	82	44	-4	1.51	3.65	3.76	13.03	14.75
	Clarksville	81	46	-2	0.86	3.12	3.46	15.84	14.73
	Dardanelle	80	45	-3	1.04	3.78	3.64	16.98	15.24
	Ft. Smith	85	48	-1	2.53	5.15	3.36	16.10	12.88
	Mena	84	44	-2	0.95	3.75	4.38	14.47	17.40
	Ozark	80	46	-4	1.00	4.24	3.26	20.52	13.71
Central	Conway	81	48	-4	2.03	8.33	3.23	17.64	16.24
	Hot Springs	85	50	-2	1.52	2.39	4.26	18.37	18.32
	Little Rock	84	49	-2	1.32	6.30	3.65	18.66	17.34
	N. Little Rock	84	49	-4	1.38	6.18	3.76	18.34	16.61
E. Central	Brinkley	77	50	-4	2.80	10.80	3.94	15.61	17.70
	Marianna	81	51	-4	1.87	5.33	3.73	19.76	18.95
	Stuttgart	85	49	-4	2.27	6.67	3.65	18.20	17.64
Southwest	Норе	86	48	-1	1.31	4.03	3.31	12.98	18.03
	Texarkana	91	54	2	0.89	2.81	2.78	12.71	14.20
	Camden	87	50	-1	0.48	2.34	3.15	12.04	18.45
S. Central	El Dorado	86	46	-1	0.55	2.27	3.53	20.08	18.87
	Warren	83	49	-2	1.52	3.02	3.24	18.57	20.60
Southeast	Eudora	87	50	-3	0.64	2.16	3.99	26.82	22.89
	Pine Bluff	84	51	-2	2.86	6.12	3.54	16.76	18.44
	Rohwer	84	51	-2	2.82	5.74	3.39	22.76	19.67

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